

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**RYAN A. BRYNELL,**

Defendant.

**Case No. 18-MJ-02088-DPR**

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PRETRIAL  
DETENTION HEARING PURSUANT TO TITLE 18,  
UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3142(f)**

The United States of America, by the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and does hereby move that the Court order a pretrial detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), for the purpose of presenting evidence to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required by the Court and the safety of other persons and the community. As grounds for the motion, the United States submits that:

1. There is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offense of attempted possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C);
2. The defendant poses a risk to the safety of others in the community; and
3. The defendant poses a serious risk to flee.

**SUPPORTING SUGGESTIONS**

Subsection 3142(f), 18 U.S.C. provides that a hearing must be held by the appropriate judicial officer to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably

assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of any other person in the community if the attorney for the Government moves for such a hearing and if the case involves an offense under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq.) for which imprisonment for 10 years or more is possible. In this case, the defendant is charged with attempted possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl, a crime for which a sentence of not more than 20 years' imprisonment is possible.

Upon a showing that there exists probable cause that the defendant committed the offense referred to in the complaint, there is a legal presumption, subject to rebuttal by the defendant, that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure his appearance or assure the safety of the community. *See United States v. Apker*, 964 F.2d 742, 743-44 (8th Cir. 1992); *United States v. Dorsey*, 852 F.2d 1068, 1069-70 (8th Cir. 1988). Section 3142(e) and (f)(1) provides that a presumption that a defendant will not appear for subsequent court appearances arises if the offense is one enumerated under the Controlled Substance Act, as referred to above. Under the Bail Reform Act, there is also a presumption that the likelihood of flight increases with the severity of the charges, the strength of the Government's case, and the penalty that conviction could bring. *See Apker*, 964 F.2d at 744; *See also United States v. Soto Rivera*, 581 F.Supp 561 (D.C. Puerto Rico 1984); *United States v. Menster*, 481 F.Supp. 1117 (D.C. Fla. 1979).

To further support the Government's contention that the defendant is a risk to the safety of the community and risk to flee, the defendant has been linked to three overdoses, one of which

was fatal, in the Branson area, and on December 18, 2018, he was arrested in Webster County, Missouri, with approximately two ounces of what he believed to be a mixture containing fentanyl.

For the reasons set forth above, the United States requests that a detention hearing be held and that the defendant be denied bail.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was delivered on December 20, 2018, to the CM-ECF system of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for electronic delivery to all counsel of record.

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